

tease

1. [ti:z] *n* **разг.**
 1. *см.* teaser 2
 2. попытка раздражить, поддразнивание
2. [ti:z] *v*
 1. дразнить; поддразнивать
to tease smb. about his curly hair - дразнить кого-л. за курчавые волосы
he is not soon provoked, howevert teased - сколько его ни дразни, его трудно вывести из себя
 2. *уст.*
 - 1) надоедать, приставать
to tease smb. for smth. /to do smth./ - приставать к кому-л. с просьбами о чём-л.
he tried to tease me into staying - он пытался уговорить меня остаться
 - 2) домогаться, выпрашивать
that child teases for everything he sees - этот ребёнок кланчит всё, что ни увидит
 3. чесать (*шерсть* ; *тж.* tease out)
 4. ворсовать (*ткань*)
 5. начёсывать, взбивать (*волосы*) ; делать начёс *или* причёску с начёсом

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tease [tease teases teased teasing] **verb, noun** BrE [tiːz] NAmE [tiːz]

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sb) | ~ (sb) + speech** to laugh at sb and make jokes about them, either in a friendly way or in order to annoy or embarrass them
 - Don't get upset— I was only teasing.
 - I used to get teased about my name.
2. **transitive ~ sth** to annoy an animal, especially by touching it, pulling its tail, etc.
3. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sb) (disapproving)** to make sb sexually excited, especially when you do not intend to have sex with them
4. **transitive ~ sth (+ adv./prep.)** to pull sth gently apart into separate pieces
 - to tease wool into strands
5. (NAmE) (BrE **back-comb**) **transitive ~ sth** to **↑comb** your hair in the opposite direction to the way it grows so that it looks thicker

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	tease
	BrE /ti:z/
	NAmE /ti:z/
he / she /it	teases
	BrE /ti:zɪz/
	NAmE /ti:zɪz/
past simple, past participle	teased
	BrE /ti:zɪd/
	NAmE /ti:zɪd/
-ing form	teasing
	BrE /ti:zɪŋ/
	NAmE /ti:zɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English *tæsan* (in sense 4 of the verb), of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch *teezen* and German dialect *zeisen*, also to **↑tease**. Senses 1 to 3 are a development of the earlier and more serious 'irritate by annoying actions' (early 17th cent.), a figurative use of the word's original sense.

Example Bank:

- His friends used to tease him about his clothes.
- She teased the men with an expression that was both innocent and knowing.
- Don't get upset— I was only teasing.
- They teased her mercilessly with remarks about her weight.

Derived **↑tease something out**

noun usually singular

1. a person who likes to play tricks and jokes on other people, especially by telling them sth that is not true or by not telling them sth that they want to know
2. an act that is intended as a trick or joke
 - Ignore everything he said— it was all just a tease.
3. (disapproving) a person who pretends to be attracted to sb, makes them sexually excited and then refuses to have sex with them

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See also: **↑backcomb**

tease¹ /tiːz/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[Language: Old English; Origin: tæsan]

1. LAUGH [intransitive and transitive] to laugh at someone and make jokes in order to have fun by embarrassing them, either in a friendly way or in an unkind way:

- Don't get upset. I was only teasing.
- He used to tease her mercilessly.

tease somebody about something

- She used to tease me about my hair.

REGISTERIn everyday English, people often say **make fun of** rather than **tease**:

- Stop making fun of me!

2. ANNOY AN ANIMAL [transitive] to deliberately annoy an animal:

- Stop teasing the cat!

3. SEX [intransitive and transitive] to deliberately make someone sexually excited without intending to have sex with them, in a way that seems unkind**4. HAIR** [transitive] *American English* to comb your hair in the opposite direction to which it grows, so that it looks thicker **SYN** **backcomb** *British English*

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THESAURUS

- **tease** to laugh at someone and make jokes in order to have fun by embarrassing them, either in a friendly way or in an unkind way. In everyday English, people often say **make fun of** rather than **tease**: At work, we all tease her because she's always late. | Sam's sisters used to tease him because he was overweight.
- **make fun of somebody/something** to tease someone, especially in an unkind way, by laughing at something they do and making them seem stupid: The boys at school used to make fun of me and call me names. | Everyone made fun of the way our Maths teacher walked.
- **taunt** /tɔːnt/ to tease someone in a very unpleasant way that shows you do not respect them, in order to make them angry or upset: In the end he hit the man for taunting him about his wife. | The other prisoners taunted him until he couldn't bear it any more.
- **pull sb's leg** *informal* to tease someone in a friendly way, by trying to make them think something is true when it is not: I'm not really 18. I was only pulling your leg. | I don't believe you! You're pulling my leg!
- **wind somebody up** *British English informal* to deliberately say something to someone, in order to see if they become annoyed or worried: Are you trying to wind me up? | My friends are always winding me up about it.
- **take the mickey (out of somebody)** *British English informal* to make someone look silly, often in a friendly way, for example by copying them or saying something that you do not really mean about them: I don't speak like that – stop taking the mickey! | 'You're a genius, we all know that!' 'Are you taking the mickey out of me?'

tease something ↔ **out** *phrasal verb***1.** to succeed in learning information that is hidden, or that someone does not want to tell you**tease something** ↔ **out of**

- I finally managed to tease the truth out of her.
- 2.** to gently move hairs or threads that are stuck together so that they become loose or straight again: She combed her hair, gently teasing out the knots.

II. tease² *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable] *informal***1.** someone who enjoys making jokes at people, and embarrassing them, especially in a friendly way:

- Don't take any notice of Joe – he's a big tease.

2. something that you say or do as a joke, to tease someone:

- I'm sorry, it was only a tease.

3. someone who deliberately makes you sexually excited, but has no intention of having sex with you**tease**

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